

forming a pair of adjacent converging, diverging nozzles separated by said dead flow area and wherein each nozzle has an aperture through which said flue gas may flow and providing a restricting and turbulence inducing function as flue gas travels through said tubular member while providing resistance to collapse or deformation of said tubular member due to hydrostatic forces generated by water in said water heating compartment.

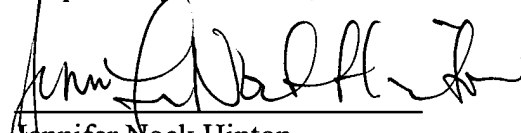
REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1-16 have been canceled. Claims 17-23 have been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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